

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A wall mounted guard with means adjacent to and spaced from ~~surrounding~~ a wall mounted signaling device and providing bumper means for protecting a said device ~~attached to a wall~~ and having a depth extending from said wall and having a width and a height, the improvement comprising:

said wall mounted guard having connecting means attached to said wall and ~~also said~~ bumper means having deflecting means adjacent said device attached to the wall and spaced a distance from said device to form an open area to allow unobstructed access to said device for operation at all times and said deflecting means including guide means ~~located~~ extending away from said wall a distance at least equal to the depth of the device attached to said wall to thereby direct and guide objects away from said device and ~~said device being protected by~~ said bumper means allowing open access to said device from front and all sides for operation of said device.

Claim 2 (Original) The wall mounted guard of claim 1, including:

said deflecting means providing an arcuate body with means extending away from said wall to thereby protect said device attached to said wall.

Claim 3 (Original) The wall mounted guard of claim 1, and said deflecting means including:

an arcuate body having a width extending at least the width of the wall mounted device being protected by said bumper means.

Claim 4 (Original) The wall mounted guard of claim 1, and said deflecting means including:

an arcuate body having a height at least the height of the device attached to said wall and being protected by said bumper means.

Claim 5 (Original) The wall mounted guard of claim 1, including:

said connecting means for attaching the wall guard to said wall include fastener means attached to said wall at a location in vertical alignment with the device being protected by said bumper means.

Claim 6 (Original) The wall mounted guard of claim 1, wherein said deflecting means includes:

first and second members with means located in horizontal alignment with said device being protected by said bumper means;

said first and second members having a height equal or greater than the height of the device being protected to thereby prevent damage to said device.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) A wall mounted guard for protecting wall mounted fixtures such as switches, alarm pull boxes, thermostats and the like each having manually operable actuating means, and said guard comprising guide means located adjacent and spaced from said fixture and providing deflecting means extending from said wall to guide objects away from the wall and the fixture to thereby prevent damage to the fixture said guard having said deflecting means with mounting portions located adjacent to said protected wall mounted fixture to provide an open unobstructed area for access to the front of said fixture to allow access to said fixture for

operation thereof.

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Claim 8 (Original) The wall mounted guard of claim 7, and including:

means attaching said wall guard in vertical alignment with said fixture.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) The wall mounted guard of claim 7, and including:

means attaching said wall mounted guard in horizontal alignment with said fixture.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) The wall mounted guard of claim 7, wherein said cam guide  
means includes:

a pair of cam guide members in horizontal alignment spaced about said wall mounted  
fixture.